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MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY TO BRINGING IN ILLEGAL ALIENS RESULTING IN DEATH

TUCSON, ARIZONA – The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced on March 27, 2003 that Sebastian Arista-Butron, a Mexican national, pleaded guilty to one count of Bringing in Illegal Aliens Resulting in Death, and one count of Bringing in Illegal Aliens for Commercial Advantage or Private Financial Gain, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§1324(a)(1)(A)(i), (a)(1)(B)(iv), and (a)(2)(B)(ii).

Sebastian Arista-Butron admitted that on May 31, 2002, he guided a group of 16 illegal aliens into the United States from Mexico on foot. The group ran out of food and water. One of the aliens died of exposure to the heat. Arista-Butron was to be paid to guide the aliens to a location within the United States. Arista-Butron pleaded guilty pursuant to a written plea agreement with a range of 46-115 months.

The case is being handled by Julia A. Maldonado Soto, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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